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## Foggy Bottom News

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### Homeless Issue Fills FBA Meeting

It was a full house at the last FBA meeting, and the topic was the city's plans to provide shelter for over 100 persons in trailers to be parked on city land on 27th Street between Eye and K Streets. Ward 2 Councilmember John Wilson outlined the events leading up to this proposal, which began with the approval by the voters of Initiative 17 granting shelter to any home-

less person who asks for it. When homeless advocates felt the city was not living up to that initiative a suit was filed and a judge has ordered shelters to be located in all sectors of the city. One site selected was the one in Foggy Bottom, which would be the third shelter created in Ward 2 since February.

Efforts have been made by Wilson and others to find alter-

natives, and a local committee is now working on identifying other places thought to be more suitable. As of this writing, a delay has been granted in the establishment of the shelter while other ideas are being explored.

In case you missed it, a recent article in *The Washington Post* adds informative background, and is reprinted, with permission, on page 9.

### FB Historic District Upheld

The Historic Preservation Review Board has denied plans for an addition to a home in the FB Historic District for exceeding the height of homes in the same block.

The owner is adding a three-story addition to the rear of the

house, and had planned changes to the front as well. After the owner eliminated the alterations to the front, and some of the height in the back, the ANC approved the plan. However, concerned neighbors attended the HPRB hearing, citing the ex-

treme height in the rear of the building, which can be seen from Virginia Avenue. The Board refused to approve the plan, advising the owner to make modifications to his plan and return to a later hearing.

### GW Study of Historic District Designation Published

Research by The George Washington University Center for Washington Area Studies has found no evidence that historic district designation in Washington raises property values, thus contributing to the displacement of longtime residents. A report, "The Impact of Historic Dis-

trict Designation in Washington, D.C.," recently authored by Dennis E. Gale, addresses the growing public debate about the social impact resulting from neighborhood designation as a historic district. While he states that there is a need for further research on the subject, Gale

contends that "the true influence of historic district designation may be to insulate property values from the cyclical peaks and valleys more common in other parts of residential Washington."

While the study was limited to  
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### Foggy Bottom Association MEETING

Speaker:  
**George Jenkins**  
Acting Coordinator  
D.C. Recycling Program

8:00 P.M. Monday  
October 30, 1989

St. Paul's Parish House  
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NEXT MEETING: DECEMBER 4



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## Crime Report & Prevention

By Lawrence G. Myslewski

### First, The ☹ News

The everyday occurrence of criminal activity within our neighborhoods continues to be the concern of all, no matter what the level. However, our individual awareness of the *type*, *time* and *place* of these crimes helps us understand how much or how little crime we are subjected to.

Since the best reference point is the most recent reporting period, let's look at reported crimes in and around Foggy Bottom residential areas for September, 1989:

#### Burglaries in Homes

9/2 2512 M St. 3-5pm  
9/26-28 2130 N St. 8am-10pm

#### Robberies in Public Spaces

9/1 2500 blk L St. 2:20am  
9/5 901 23rd St. 2:15am  
9/12 2300 blk I St. 3:37pm  
9/12 2300 blk I St. 4:05pm  
9/13 2301 M St. 11:30am  
9/22 2600 blk Pa. Ave. 2:00am  
9/27 23rd & I St. 8:24pm

#### Assault with a deadly weapon

9/7 22nd & Va. Avenue -  
struck - 3:25pm  
9/19 21st & H Street -  
kicked with foot - 10:45pm  
9/24 2600 Va. Avenue -  
gun pointed - 12:25pm

#### Simple Assault

9/18 2401 M Street -  
struck with hand - 7:05am  
9/25 2000 Pa. Avenue -  
struck with fist - 10:40am

#### Automobiles

7 cars stolen from streets  
3 cars stolen from parking  
garages/lots

1 thefts of property from cars  
parked on streets

10 thefts of property from cars  
parked in garages/lots

### But, There is Also Some ☺ News!

While the annual homicide rate so far this year soars to over 400 in other parts of the city (which is approximately 100 more than the same period last year), the Foggy Bottom area has been spared of any homicides.

In other criminal categories, we seem to be holding a steady, even rate. Compared to September, 1988, we have noted these differences:

—Robberies and burglaries are occurring less frequently;

—Theft from autos has increased;

—The number of autos stolen has not changed;

—Overall, total reported crime is about the same as last year.

Our stable crime rate (as compared to increases in other parts of the city) seems to be in part attributable to both police officer presence within our neighborhoods and the active participation of the community in the Neighborhood Watch Program.

Chief of Police Fulwood has indicated that police assignments within our police district will not be reduced. A few other changes will occur: more foot and scooter patrols, and permanent assignment of officers to neighborhoods. The Chief is also advocating even greater

## Letters

As you may know, District of Columbia Natural Gas recently filed for an increase in rates with the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia.

We have asked for an overall increase of approximately 9%, which, if approved, would result in a monthly increase of \$6.69 for residential heating customers and \$2.12 for residential non-heating customers. The new rates would probably be effective sometime in the fall of 1990.

Thomas A. Duckenfield, vice president and general manager of DCNG, said "increased operating expenses, including labor costs, increased net investment, and the need for an increase in the authorized rate of return" were the main reasons for the proposed increase. The company last filed for a rate increase in January 1988.

Copies of the filing can be reviewed at the DC Energy Office, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., or at several DC public libraries. If you have any further questions, please call me at 624-6696, and I will be glad to help you in any way possible.

—Charles E. Morgan,  
Director, Community  
Affairs, DCNG

community involvement in crime prevention.

Let's continue to support the police officers patrolling our streets by keeping our collective "neighborhood watch" eyes open!

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## ANC Highlights

By Chris Lamb

August 8, 1989

**1. 2530 Eye Street Addition.** The owner, Mr. Steinfeld, provided more information on proposed changes to his home which is in an Historic District. The changes would increase the height of the residence with a pointed sloped roof. A motion was passed rejecting the present proposal because of its height and style since it is not consistent with the Historic District. A copy of the motion was sent to the Historic Preservation Review Board.

**2. 2100 block of Pennsylvania Ave.** Square 74 Associates is proposing to build a 600,000 square foot office building which would cover the length of the 2100 block of Pennsylvania Avenue. The building would have a 400-seat theater which will feature films and live stage productions, replacing the Circle Theater which was torn down several years ago. The building would have an 11-story skylit atrium and entrances on both K Street and Pennsylvania Avenue. As an amenity to the community, the developer would establish a scholarship fund for D.C. students to study the arts. No action was taken by the ANC on this proposal.

**3. Traffic Lights.** Unanimous approval was given to a motion to send a letter to the District Government supporting establishment of traffic lights at both 24th and New Hampshire and at New Hampshire and Eye Streets.

**Iona House.** The ANC unanimously approved a \$500.00 grant to support the Iona House's Annual Resources for Older Residents Directory which lists services available for the elderly. Last year 15,000 copies were distributed.

September 12, 1989

**Eye Street Addition.** The owner, Mr. Steinfeld, presented a revised plan to add an addition to his home at 2530 Eye Street. The house is located within the Foggy Bottom Historic District and any change requires approval by the Historic Preservation Review Board. Mr. Steinfeld proposed a 12.5' 3rd floor which would increase the overall height of his home over that of the other houses on the block. The ANC voted 4-2 to accept the additions as proposed.

**Hughes Mews.** The owner of 2517 Eye Street, Peter Kahn, requested an ANC vote on a motion to partially close the alley behind his home. This issue was before the ANC in June but there were not enough votes to pass a motion. By a vote of 5-1 the ANC voted to approve closure of the alley within the fenced area of Mr. Kahn's yard.

**Cooper House.** The Historic Preservation Review Board approved the latest Cooper House proposal which would restore the two Cooper Houses at 2521-2523 K Street and build a condominium unit on the same

lot behind the houses. The ANC had passed a motion in July approving the plan although reservations were stated regarding the height and bulk of the condominium. The proposal will now go before the Zoning Board.

**2101 Pennsylvania Ave. Project.** Square 74 Associates presented their revised plan to develop the 2101 block of Pennsylvania Avenue. The proposed commercial building would have a 400-seat theater, a pedestrian walkway from K Street to Pennsylvania, 80,000 sq. feet of retail space on the first floor, an 11-floor atrium and 514 parking spaces. Community amenities provided by the owners would include establishment and maintenance of a park near the School without Walls and a 15-year guaranteed operating subsidy for the theater. A college scholarship fund would also be created for students at the Duke Ellington School in Georgetown. The ANC approved a motion, 4-1, to support the plan under the conditions that the owners (1) develop a traffic management plan; and (2) support efforts to prevent GW University from taking over the West End Apartments at 2124 Eye Street.

**Foggy Bottom Historic Preservation Committee.** The Foggy Bottom Historic Preservation Committee, consisting of members from both the ANC and the Foggy Bottom Association, recommended that a landmark status application be filed on the 2500 block of Pennsylvania. The block includes three row houses built in 1889 which had

the same architect as the OEOB. The ANC voted 5-0 (with one abstention) to endorse the historic landmark application.

**Emergency Funds.** The ANC passed a motion 5-0 (with one abstention) to establish an emergency procedure to obtain outside expertise on any matter pending before the ANC. A telephone poll would be conducted to authorize expending funds, up to \$500.00, for said purpose if a majority of ANC commissioners concurred.

**State Plaza.** The owner of the State Plaza Hotel presented a plan to enclose the west terrace of the sidewalk cafe. The change would require a zoning variance. No vote was taken by the ANC.

**7-11 on New Hampshire Avenue.** Representatives from the 7-11 on New Hampshire Avenue stated their intent to appear before the ANC at a future date to consider suggestions from the community regarding its operation. Concerns have been raised about traffic being blocked when deliveries are made to the 7-11.

October 10, 1989

**2101 Pennsylvania Avenue.** Only 3 commissioners attended the October ANC meeting. Comments were heard regarding the 2100 Pennsylvania project which the ANC supported during the September meeting. One of the conditions for ANC approval was that the developers provide assistance to the tenants of West Apartments who are



trying to prevent GW University from converting the apartment building to a dormitory. The developers, Square 74 Associates, offered to provide up to \$50,000 for technical assistance which would allow the tenants of the West End Apartments to purchase the building. The residents provided examples of other PUD projects, with less size and greater housing amenities, and requested the ANC to endorse a commitment by the developers of \$1.5 million. The issue will be taken up at the next ANC meeting.



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# From By-Gone Days\*

By Harold Lindstrom

## "FOGGY BOTTOM OR HAMBURG"

(Proctor's Washington, pp. 305-309)

### PART II

(continued from October issue)

As to the unhealthy condition of Foggy Bottom in the early days, we are told that when the gas-works were established there in 1859 the residents rejoiced, as it was thought the fumes would disinfect the "Foggy Bottom chills," so well known to the older members of the medical faculty.

A map of Hamburg, in the Library of Congress, shows five streets and an alley running east and west, and from the river, northward, they were: Water street, Front alley, Second street, Third or Raven street, Fourth street and Fifth street. The streets running north and south would remind one of Philadelphia for we find such names as High street, Arch street, Market street, Persimon (Persimmon) street, Walnut, Locust, Mulberry and Rock streets. Front alley was 33 feet in width and the streets varied in width from 60 to 80 feet.

When the present site for the federal city had been determined upon, just what to do with Carrollsburg and Hamburg was a problem. President Washington early realized the importance of obliterating these towns entirely, in order that they might not interfere with the plans being drawn by Maj. L'Enfant. Fortunately, although many of the lots had been sold, and hence the title

was vested in many different persons, yet few, if any structures had been erected in the subdivision. With Carrollsburg, the lots appear to have fallen into the hands of speculators, but with Hamburg, the names of the title holders would largely indicate the opposite conclusion.

Gen. Washington's concern in the town site of Hamburg is conveyed in several letters written upon the subject. On February 17, 1791, he addressed a letter from Philadelphia to William Deakins, Jr., and Benjamin Stoddert, in which he said:

"The Maryland Assembly has authorized a certain number of acres to be taken without the consent of the owners or making compensation as therein provided. This will be principally useful as to the old lots of Hamburg. However, by purchasing up lots or as many as we can, we shall be free to take, on the terms of the act, so much of any other lands in our way, and consequently those whose proprietors refuse all arrangement. I will, therefore, beg the favour of you to take measures immediately for buying up all the lots you can in Hamburg, on the lowest terms you can, not exceeding the rate of 25 pounds the acre.

"I leave it to yourselves to dispatch a private agent for this purpose, to treat with the proprietors wherever to be found — or to do it by any other means which, in your discretion, shall appear not too expensive, and which may not excite suspicion of their being on behalf of the public. I am, etc.,"

In September, 1793, the President purchased four lots in Carrollsburg, and later, in order to show no partiality as to any particular section of the city, purchased square numbered 21, said to be in Hamburg, which he refers to in his will saying:

"Actuated by the principle already mentioned, I give and bequeath to George Washington Parke Custis, the grandson of my wife and my ward and to his heir, the tract I hold on Four Mile Run in the vicinity of Alexandria containing 1200 acres more or less, and my entire square, No. 21, in the City of Washington."

This square is between Twenty-fifth and Twentieth streets northwest, and D and E streets northwest, in the block immediately west of the old observatory grounds, and was most likely adjacent to Hamburg, since the western boundary of the town was probably at Twentieth street. The eastern line ran approximately between Eighteenth and Nineteenth streets; the northern line was about where is H street and it extended southward from there to the river. As was done with the owners of lots in Carrollsburg, an equal exchange was made by the Government with the owners of property in Hamburg, the location being as near the same ground as possible.

Christian Hines, who died in 1874, and who published his "Early Recollections of Washington City" in 1866, lived for a few years within the boundaries of old Hamburg, where his father (the writer's great-great-grandfather) John Hines, moved in December 1799. Of this Mr. Hines says:

"The first house we lived in was an old two-story frame on F street north, between Twentieth and Twenty-first streets west. This house is standing yet, and is now owned and occupied by a colored man named Foster. At that time Washington might have been truly called the city of magnificent distances. Our neighbors were few and far between, the nearest being William King, Esq., who then lived in a brick house near the corner of F and Twentieth streets, recently owned and occupied by Joseph Forrest, Esq. Thus I again became a citizen of Washington at about the age of 15 years. The greatest difficulty we experienced then was in getting water, as there were but few pumps and they at a great distance; so we had to go to a spring near Hamburg wharf, not far from the old glass house (about half a mile distant), and occasionally to old Mr. Wilson's, near I and Twenty-first streets."

Mr. Hines also makes the following remarks about Hamburg:

"The extent or exact location of Funkstown (known by many residents as Hamburg), but so far I have not been satisfactorily successful. As far as I have ascertained, however, I will venture to state. I think it must have extended in a westerly direction, including Camp or

Observatory Hill, from about Nineteenth street west to Twenty-fourth street west, and in a northerly direction from the Potomac to about G Street north. I judge so from the fact of Mr. Funk having reserved a lot on which to erect a German church at the corner of G and Twentieth streets. Since then a church has been erected there, of which Rev. Mr. Finkel is the pastor. Funk's house stood near the old glass house — I think between Twentieth and Twenty-first streets. The brick of which it was built, it was said, was imported from Holland. They were much smaller than the brick made in this country, and very hard. I have heard Observatory Hill spoken of as originally intended as a site for a university; but that was many years ago."

According to the same author the following houses were standing in Hamburg in the year 1800: In the square bounded by C and D, Twentieth and Twenty-first streets, a frame house owned and occupied by Thomas Smith, colored. In the block to the east of this one large frame house occupied by a Mr. Willard, and known as Willard's Spring Garden.

In the square between F and G, Twenty-first and Twentieth streets, one 2-story frame occupied by John Hines during the years 1799 and 1800. Down toward the river, south of B street, and between Twentieth and Twenty-first streets, near Hamburg Wharf, lived a Mr. Stevens in a small frame dwelling in which he kept a grocery store. William King, and later Joseph Forrest, owned and occupied a one-story

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brick dwelling in the block between E and F, Twentieth and Twenty-first streets, and in the same square lived a school teacher named Ferrel, in a large frame. Between F and G, Nineteenth and Twentieth streets, was a two-story frame occupied by a Mr. Smoot, and according to Miss Maud Burr Morris, the two brick houses at 612 and 614 Nineteenth street were also quite likely standing in the year 1800.

Coningham's Brewery was also in old Hamburg as early as 1797, in a stone building in the block bounded by Twenty-first, Twenty-second, B street and the Potomac. It was operated by C. Coningham & Co. Dr. Cornelius Coningham, the head of the firm, was a physician as well as a brewer, and lived on the premises in order to see the work well done. However, he did not conduct his business here very long, but soon moved to the Navy Yard section of the city. He was a native of England.

Of the two sites set apart by Jacob Funk for church purposes — one at the corner of Twenty-second and G streets and the other at Twentieth and G streets — one for a Calvinist society and the other for a Lutheran society — only the latter was occupied in accordance with the desire of the donor. However, no effort was made to build churches on these sites for a long while, and they were only claimed for the societies by Daniel Reintzel on June 28, 1793. The Concordia German Lutheran Church erected a building on the Twentieth street site shortly after 1830. The church, of course, later gave way to the present structure.

As undated item before the writer, but one which is at least 75 years old, gives some information about the old glass house, which for many years was a landmark in this section, as well as other early matters of interest regarding this part of Washington. It says: "The Old Glass House was located near the Potomac River, on square no. 89, between Twenty-first and Twenty-second streets west.

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**Monday, October 30 and Tuesday, October 31:** Film, "In the White City," a 1983 feature film, in French with English subtitles, about a sailor who jumps ship in Lisbon and drifting through the "white city" enters an existential state where annihilation and enlightenment merge. IMF Visitors' Center, 700 19th St. Nonmembers, \$3.

**Monday, October 30:** Foggy Bottom Association meeting, St. Paul's Parish Hall, 2430 K Street. Speaker: George Jenkins, Acting Coordinator, D.C. Recycling Program. 8:00 pm.

**Tuesday, October 31:** Film, "Europe 1992," Adam Smith's Money World invites U.S. and European experts to discuss Europe's preparations for 1992 and the potential economic effects on the U.S. IMF Visitors' Center, 700 19th Street, 12:00 noon.

**Tuesday, October 31:** Film, "Elementos Para Una Acuarela," a 1986 documentary, in Spanish, on the life and work of Colombian painter Hernando Lemaire. IMF Visitors' Center, 700 19th Street, 1:00 pm.

**Thursday, November 2:** Reading by Maxine Claire, poet and short story writer. Marvin Center, 800 21st Street, Room 402-6, 8:00 pm.

**Thursday, November 2:** Tour of Exhibition, "A Necessary Fence . . .": The Senate's First Century." The first century of the Senate and its role under the Constitution are commemorated in a special exhibition of over 150 objects and documents gathered from all over the country; Diane K. Skarvla, Associate Curator of the Senate, will be the guide. Russell Senate Office Building rotunda, reservation required, Historical Society members \$3.50; nonmembers \$5.00. Call 758-2068 for information. 12:15-1:15 pm.

**Friday, November 3:** Book sale, The Historical Society of Washington. Duplicate books from the Society's library of Washington history on American political biography, Washington history, art and architecture, and U.S. history. (Member preview on Thursday, November 2.) 9:00 am-12:00 noon.

**Friday, November 3:** Lecture on Diabetes, by Dr. Robert Ratner, Associate Professor of Medicine, Division of Endocrinology, GWU Medical Center, discussing the relationship of glucose, complications of diabetes and the importance of taking care of the disease. GWU Hospital auditorium, first floor, 901 23rd Street, 12:15 pm.

**Friday, November 3:** Community Education Class, "Pregnancy After 35," Columbia Hospital for Women, 2425 L Street, 7:00-8:30 pm.

**Saturday, November 4:** Annual Bazaar, including dinners served from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 728 23rd Street.

**Sunday, November 5:** Recital by soprano Diane Abel, tenor Richard Tappen, and accompanist Alfred Clark, of songs and arias by Puccini, Faure, Gluck, Ravel, Falla, and duets from operettas by Romberg. Recital will be followed by a reception; admission is free, offerings will be accepted. The United Church, 1920 G Street, 3:00 pm.

**Friday, November 10:** Lecture on Fertility after 35, by Dr. Paul Gindoff, Assistant Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Division of Reproductive Endocrinology and Fertility, discussing prognosis and possible treatments for fertility. GWU Hospital auditorium, first floor, 901 23rd Street, 12:15 pm.

**Friday, November 10:** Community Education Class, "Aesthetic Surgery for Women." Columbia Hospital for Women, 2425 L Street, 7:00-8:30 pm.

**Tuesday, November 14:** Lecture: "Washington High Society: Prelude to the Gilded Age," by Kathryn Allamong Jacob, Assistant Historical of the U.S. Senate. Discussion of high society in Washington after the Civil War and the interplay between parties and politics. Historical Society of Washington, 1307 New Hampshire Avenue, members free, nonmembers \$3.50. Reception 6:00 pm.; lecture 6:30 pm.

**Tuesday, November 14:** Advisory Neighborhood Commission meeting, Columbia Hospital for Women, 2425 L Street, 7:30 pm.

**Thursday, November 16:** American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout.

**Saturday, November 18:** Tour, "Invasion! A British Tour of the Nation's Capital," led by Edwin Bearss, Chief Historian of the National Park Service, and Lucinda Janke, HSW member and local historian. Bus trip following route of British troops invading the city on August 24, 1814. Tour includes site of Battle of Bladensburg, the Congressional Cemetery, the Sewall Belmont House, the Capitol, the White House, the Navy yard and the Marine Commandant's House. Historical Society of Washington, 1307 New Hampshire Avenue, members \$30, nonmembers \$38, reservations required. 9:30 am-5:00 pm.

**Sunday, November 19:** Concert by the Troubadours, a cappella group directed by Catherine Pickar, Assistant Professor of Music; close harmony and vocal jazz selections. Tickets required., Marvin Center, 800 21st Street, 8:00 pm.

**Monday, November 20:** Recital by Neil Tilkens, classical pianist and Professor of Music. Tickets required, Marvin Center, 800 21st Street, 8:00 pm.

**Thursday, November 30:** Joint reading by Stuart Dybeck and Howard Norman. Dybek is winner of O. Henry awards and Pushcart prizes; Norman has been nominated for a National Book Award. Call 994-6180 for information. Marvin Center, Room 404-6, 8:00 pm.

**Friday, December 1:** Community Education Class, "Premenstrual Syndrome." Columbia Hospital for Women, 2425 L Street, 7:00-8:30 pm.

**Friday, December 1:** Concert and Messiah Sing-Along by University Singers, directed by Catherine Pickar. Marvin Center, 800 21st Street, 8:00 pm.

**Monday, December 4:** Big Band Dance with music by the GW Jazz Band, directed by James Levy, Assistant Professor of Music, featuring swing and contemporary pop. Marvin Center Ballroom, Third floor, 800 21st Street. Tickets required. 8:00 pm.

**GW Study** (from page 1) an analysis of the city of Washington, the author feels that the results provide a context for examining the issue in other communities nationwide. He warns "planners, preservationists, neighborhood groups and other enthusiasts to consider designation of residential historic districts only where evidence indicates that speculative price appreciation has already substantially enhanced property values."

Gale recommends that until more is known about its impact, historic designation should be avoided in neighborhoods where prices are moderate and little speculative activity has occurred. "Should designation occur in such areas," he says, "the District government ought to earmark gains in property tax revenues there to be used for rental assistance for displaced or threatened low- and moderate-

income households."

Gale examined concerns expressed by some observers that a historic designation would cause property assessments to rise faster than those before designation. The report examines three of the 12 residential areas in Washington, D.C., designated as historic districts — Anacostia (1978), Dupont Circle (1978) and Takoma Park (1983). The report compares the historic districts with three similarly older, predominantly residential neighborhoods experiencing gentrification, private reinvestment and historic preservation. These areas — Adams Morgan, Mount Pleasant and Brookland — have not been designated as historic districts. Growth rates in property values before and after designation were compared to determine the impact of designation.

Gale found that contrary to (continued on page 7)



### Invitation

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**GW Study** (from page 6) the predicted path, the property value growth rates within historic districts designated in 1978 dropped by approximately one-half after designation. However, despite the drop, the data also showed that the growth rate did not sharply diverge from the overall property value growth rates in the city before and after 1978.

Before 1978, two non-historic districts (Adams Morgan and Mount Pleasant) experienced a significantly greater growth rate than the historic districts, but experienced an even sharper decline after that year. Gale offers the possibility that the high pre-1978 growth rate in the non-historic areas occurred because of real estate speculation. Whereas "impending (historic) designations" in other popular neighborhoods such as Anacostia and Dupont Circle "may have had a dampening effect on property values" and helped to insulate the market from speculators.

The study "also highlights the possibility that forces other than designation are the prime influences on rising property values."

To determine if similar trends persisted in the 1980s, Gale makes a comparison of growth rates in Takoma Park, designated a historic district in 1983, to growth rates in a non-historic neighborhood which is similar demographically. He found that the growth rate pattern in Takoma Park declined by more than 50 percent after designation. However, while the growth rate in the historic district was lower after designation than before, the decline was not as extreme as that experienced citywide (two-thirds) after 1983, nor as sharp as that of Brookland, its non-historic counterpart, which plummeted after that year.

An examination of the growth rate showed that property values in two of the three historic areas, Anacostia and Takoma Park, maintained greater stability after designation than did those in the city overall. However, all three of the non-historic districts examined in the study experienced declines even greater than citywide declines during the time periods examined. The data provide tentative support for the idea that increases in property values are less significant in historic districts, perhaps, because of a higher degree of investor confidence in these officially recognized and protected areas, Gale says.

In analyzing his findings, Gale adds that the research did not take into consideration the relative stages of reinvestment in a neighborhood during the time that neighborhood was designated a historic district. He contends that areas just beginning to experience revitalization may be more deeply affected by the prestige and status conferred by historic designation (or anticipation of designation) than those that are further along in renovation and restoration.

In addition, the study did not examine the effect of the federal tax credit program for approved historic restoration of non-residential properties since 1976.

*Dennis E. Gale, director of the Center for Washington Area Studies, has written extensively on neighborhood revitalization, minority housing and discrimination, housing policy and land use policy. Previously he was Director of Planning and Management Research at the Land Use Center of the Urban Institute, a private Congressionally-chartered non-profit research center in Washington, D.C.*

## FB Residents Win Poetry Prizes

Two Foggy Bottom residents were winners of the 1989 Renaissance Poetry Contest, announced at the 3rd Annual Creative Writing Festival for Senior Adults. The contest was sponsored by Arts Project Renaissance, the D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities, and the National Council on the Aging. Washington poet Joseph Thackery judged the contest and was keynote speaker at the festival.

**Elizabeth Valicenti**, who lives on Eye Street, won first place and \$75 for "Scenes on Green Hill Road" and **Burton Felter** of 24th Street won third and \$25 for "Random Rhymes."

The Creative Writing Festival, held at the National Council

on the Aging, included several creative and autobiographical writing workshops and an impromptu family folklore session, and attracted 58 participants.

Arts Project Renaissance encourages writing projects by older adults and the appreciation of these projects by the Washington area through several programs:

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- Annual Creative Writing Festival for Senior Adults.

- Annual poetry contest and reading by winners.

The festival and Arts Project Renaissance are sponsored by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts in Washington, D.C., a federal agency, and the D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities.



Elizabeth Valicenti and Burton Felter, Foggy Bottom winners of Poetry contest.

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### Other Preservation News

The ANC unanimously approved the filing of an application for historic designation for buildings on the north side of the 2500 block of Pennsylvania Avenue. At this writing the Foggy Bottom Historic Preservation Committee is discussing with the developers their plans for that block; the application is prepared but to date has not been filed.

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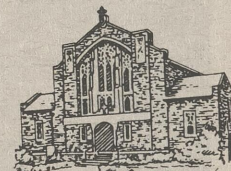
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By Betty Olsen

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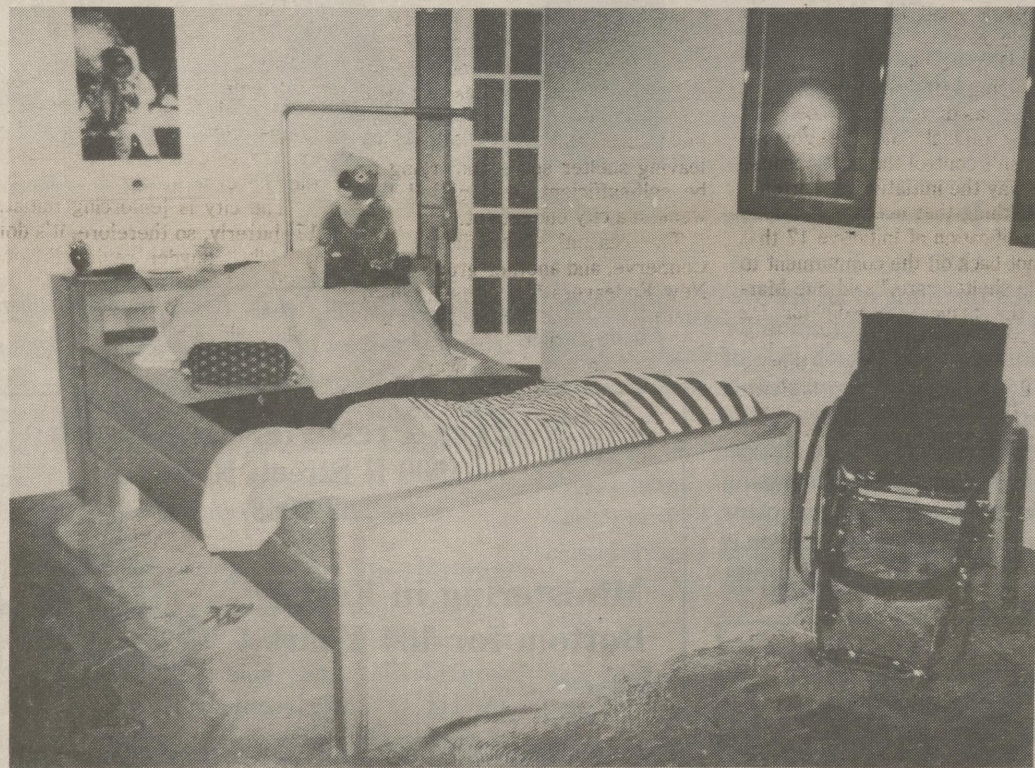
The Coyne mansion is open for a tour of 25 living areas done by 18 interior designers in the metropolitan area. Also stop by next door to see Eddie's room, designed for the handicapped (free admission).

Marshall B. Coyne, the present owner, has made this property available to the Women's Committee. The Georgian brick house was built in the early thirties and owned through the years by several prominent



Washingtonians. Throughout the years some of the guests entertained in the home were Maria Callas, Elsa Maxwell,

Alice Roosevelt Longworth, the Harry Trumans, "Scotty" Fitzgerald, Jacqueline Bouvier and Senator Jack Kennedy, Anna



Chennault and Mrs. Robert McCormick, wife of the *Chicago Tribune* publisher.

The National Symphony Orchestra Women's Committee show houses have been opened each fall for 17 years to benefit the National Symphony. Over

\$2,800,000 has been contributed to the symphony by the previous 16 show houses.

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—Photos by Betty Olsen



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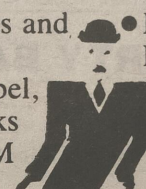
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# D.C. Shelter Program Attacked on All Sides

## Clamor Raises Question of Plan's Viability

By Chris Spolar  
Washington Post Staff Writer

It was the talk of the fall meeting of the Foggy Bottom Association: six trailers to be used as emergency overnight shelters for more than 100 homeless men and women were being planned for a slice of city-owned land just off the Whitehurst Freeway.

People who live and do business near the Kennedy Center were upset. The location, at 27th and I streets NW, was too close to high-speed traffic, they argued. The number of people to be housed was too high, they said, and the trailers would draw even more homeless people to an area that had its share of street people living beneath overpasses.

"You're dealing with highly vocal, articulate, intelligent people," Elaine DeVito, group president, said after the meeting last week. "And I don't think they're going to let it rest here. There will certainly be a lot more noise made."

Join the roar.

In the next few weeks, the Barry administration will face off over the homeless issue with neighborhood groups opposing additional shelters in their area, and with the courts, the D.C. Council and advocates for the poor whose funds are jeopardized by city budget cutbacks.

All are clamoring that homelessness in the nation's capital has become a crisis that threatens to ravage this community's fabric and its future.

What rises from the debates is heightened awareness of the impact of a vote, taken five years ago in the District, on legislation known as Initiative 17. Approved overwhelmingly by the city's residents, the initiative mandated the city to provide overnight shelter for anyone who requests it.

Since that referendum, which created the District's Right to Shelter Act, the city has filled nine shel-

ters for single men, three shelters for single women and five privately-contracted motels with hundreds of families. D.C. shelters house about 6,000 homeless people. An additional 1,200 live at the shelter operated by the Community for Creative Non-Violence and an unknown number live on the streets.

The cost of providing care for the homeless has jumped from \$4 million in 1984 to \$27 million this year. The price tag in the 1990 budget tops \$32 million, with nearly 75 percent of the money paying for family needs.

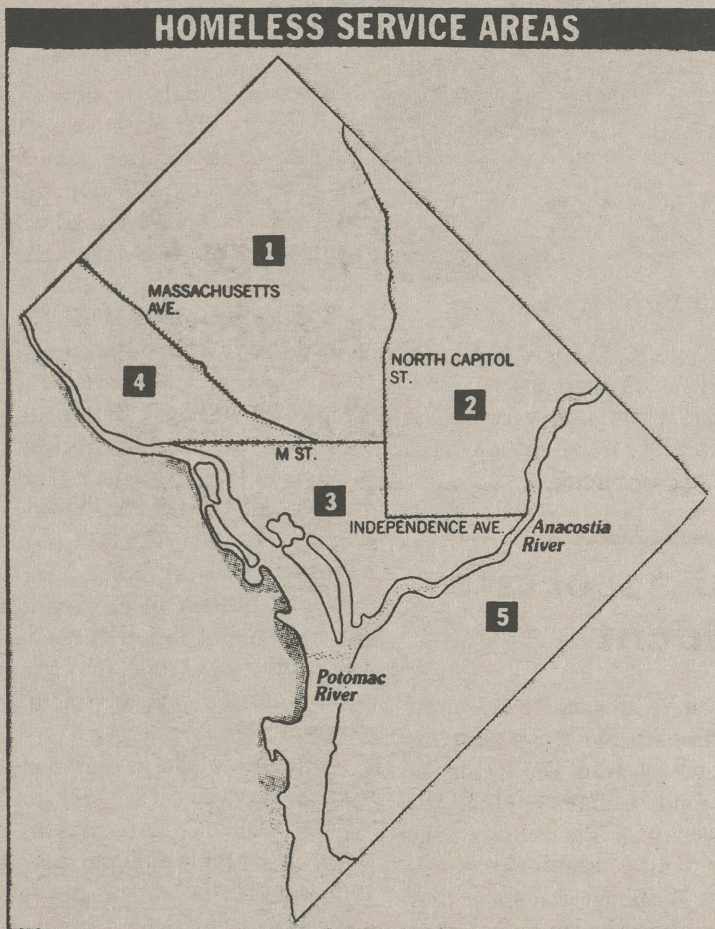
Despite this expense, some say the city still has not adhered to the intent of the law. Today, lawyers for the District will again be in court defending the city's shelter program.

A group of single homeless individuals sued the city this year alleging poor, unsanitary and unsafe care in its shelters. The city and the homeless group came to an agreement last spring that gave the city until this week to improve its adult shelters and to provide extra space whenever existing shelters became nearly full. The court agreement also said the city was to create a plan to provide shelters in five service areas of the city.

Attorneys for the homeless, headed by John W. Nields Jr., a former majority counsel of the Iran-contra congressional hearings, say the city has again fallen far short of its goals.

They note that the city is only now publicizing the establishment of a few new shelters—such as the first ever planned near Georgetown off 27th Street—and that poor conditions still exist elsewhere. The city should be fined daily for having such disregard for the law, they contend.

That court battle, as well as anticipated debate among council members this month over the city's handling of the homeless, underscores a question posed by Mayor Marion Barry when voters went to the polls in 1984: Initiative 17 is



BY DAVE COOK—THE WASHINGTON POST

certainly a good idea but is it a workable one?

The District has been criticized for carrying out Initiative 17 in a way that has driven up its cost. But one city official said the government can't control the cost because of the way the initiative is written.

"One thing that needs to be done is a modification of Initiative 17 that does not back off the commitment to provide shelter care," said Sue Marshall, the mayor's coordinator for homeless services in the city. "But we need flexibility to allow us time to place people . . . The real problem here is the lack of affordable housing. To the extent we provide overnight emergency shelter, we're not providing housing. And that is largely driven by Initiative 17."

"I don't think Initiative 17 should be thrown out," said Anthony Russo, executive director of ConServe, an innovative nonprofit home placement service that helps people in shelters get private apartments. "It's a far-reaching bill that, in some ways, the District should be proud it has. But I think advocates and District officials have the re-

sponsibility to sit down and try to make it work for everyone."

Russo's \$300,000 program, acknowledged by city leaders and homeless advocates as one of the most successful bridges for people leaving shelter space and trying to be self-sufficient, was gutted last week in a city budget cut.

The reason? City officials said ConServe, and another group called New Endeavors for Women, which operates a home for single homeless women that also received \$300,000 in city funds, were providing "transitional" shelter, not "overnight emergency" care.

The court agreement, which the city is still trying to obey, demands "overnight emergency" shelter. In effect, ConServe and such programs, which provided counseling and monitored participants' progress, were doing more than the court order demanded and more than the city was willing to pay for in light of the court order, according to city officials.

In letters to Russo and New Endeavors last week, the city said neither would be funded anymore.

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Homeless advocate Mitch Snyder, who runs the Community for Creative Non-Violence shelter and who instigated the vote on Initiative 17 in 1984, said that by cutting programs such as ConServe, city leaders are seeking to avoid a mandate they never wanted to follow.

"The city is [enforcing Initiative 17] bitterly, so therefore, it's doing it badly," Snyder said. "Obviously \$600,000 doesn't break the city. The effort here is to pit shelter against shelter."

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## Wolfman Named Associate Vice President

**Brunetta Reid Wolfman**, a senior fellow at the American Council on Education and a longtime advocate for women and minorities in education, has been named Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs at The George Washington University.

Wolfman's duties will involve participation in academic program reviews, strengthening the University's partnership with the local school system, and the development of new academic programs.

From 1983-88, she was president of Boston's Roxbury Community College. Prior to that time, she spent several years as a professor of urban studies and education management, and an administrator, at institutions such as Harvard and the Univer-

sity of California-Berkeley. At Dartmouth, Wolfman served as assistant dean of the faculty of arts and sciences and at the University of Massachusetts she served as assistant vice president. Wolfman also spent four years as director of policy planning and development for the Massachusetts Department of Education.

Wolfman has written or co-authored some 25 papers and reports. She is author of the book "Roles" — published in 1983 by The Westminster Press — and two chapters, "The Communist Party, Always Out of Step" and "Black First, Female Second," in the book "Black Separatism and Social Reality: Rhetoric and Reason," published by Pergamon Press in 1977.

## Biz Buzz

By Betty Olsen

**Michael Mears** is now an associate broker with Randall Hagner Realtors after passing his exam recently. "Way-to-go-MICHAEL." See what advertising in the *Foggy Bottom News* can do for you.

**Robin Strawbridge**, R.N., joined the practice of Israel Kogan, M.D. and Michael Murphy, M.D. in Foggy Bottom on Eye Street recently. Strawbridge graduated from American University and worked at Washington Hospital Center as a labor and delivery nurse.

**Laura Martin** of this same gynecology and obstetrics medical facility has gone into the legal profession after her medical stint here.

**Toni Dixon** of the Christian Health Services called back to resume advertising this month. Seems like people in Foggy Bottom snipped the ad and put it aside then called later for help with nurses, companions, etc. That's the way advertising works, folks, sometimes now, sometimes later, but when you advertise regularly, whether times are good or bad, business will come your way. "Right, Toni?"

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group estimates that all the commercial real estate in this country today is worth \$3.5 trillion and that foreigners own \$32 billion of it, or less than 1 percent.

Dined at the Garden Cafe at the State Plaza Hotel recently; it was a thanks with a pat on the back from the editor of the *News*. We had the market place special, grilled chicken breast, broiled tenderloin of beef and Italian sausage. Hmhmhmhm, it was good; so was the array of vegetables in between the meats. Lots of crusted rolls are served, too. The atmosphere was very uptown and the service cheerful and prompt. . . how can you ask for more?

If you think one of the waiters at Donatello looks like owner-manager **Joseph Soares** around the eyes, you're right — he's his brother, **Antonio**.

Sea Catch Restaurant celebrated its first anniversary with a BIG party at the restaurant in Georgetown. There was something going on in each room of the attractive restaurant with over 600 celebrants attending the evening affair. The restau-

rant was joined in the celebration by the Henley Park Hotel, Hotel Lombardy and the State Plaza Hotel, credited in the program for the evening as "The Classic Four."

**Susan and George Steiner** of the California Grille on Pennsylvania and Bronzini's at the Inn at Foggy Bottom are also the restauranteurs of the Laguna Beach in the Dutch Inn Hotel in Georgetown on Thomas Jefferson Street. Take your pick when dining out . . . they all three have the Steiner stamp of success.

Washington medical malpractice lawyer **Jack Olender** has joined the University of Pittsburgh School of Law Board of Visitors. Olender, a longtime resident of Washington's West End area and, in recent years, the Watergate, is considered one of the nation's top malpractice lawyers in number of jury verdicts and settlements of a million dollars or more. He was also recently named to the George Washington University Law Alumni Association Board of Directors.



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## Sidewalk Talk

It's that time again, this time the 14th one, for the Marine Corps Marathon, The "People's Race." On Sunday, November 5th at 9:00 a.m., with a blast from a 105mm Howitzer (Marine Corps style), the race will begin at the Iwo Jima Memorial. There will be 21,000 gallons of liquid consumed by the runners along the way to the Capitol and back. This is the third largest Marathon in the country, in terms of the number of runners. You can see the runners along the course at Lincoln Memorial (my favorite place to watch), or beside the Washington Monument, the Tidal Basin or on Rock Creek Parkway near the Kennedy Center. Why not encourage the runners by calling praises to them along this 26.2-kilometer course?

Jane Catlett is back in town after a year and a half absence living in Richmond. While she was there she worked for her father, a physician, on a non-smoking program and found a physical therapist who did wonders for her back problem. "It is so great to be back," she said, "the phone rings all the time with things to do, people to see and places to go. "Richmond is certainly not Washington, D.C.," she added.

Today, November 27th - December 2 there will be an antiques show at 2000 Pennsylvania. Show hours: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. daily.

That was **Bill Parker** pictured in the "I like Foggy Bottom because. . . ." column last month. Somehow his name was lost in the shuffle of typesetting, publishing, etc. Sorry, Bill. But just to make up, here it is again, **Bill Parker**.

Did you know that **Ichiban** will be two years old this October? Ichiban is the canine belonging to Mary Jasnosi, who lives on 25th Street.

Word is that **Dr. John Kuhn** is enjoying his retirement from his medical practice on Eye Street (and at Columbia Hospital). He has recently journeyed to Yugoslavia for a pleasure tour.

Saw **Nikki** waiting patiently for his mistress **Claire Ciftci** outside of Safeway recently handsomely decked out in his blue rain gear.



Puddin' and I walked to the Ellipse, as did many others from Foggy Bottom, to see the AIDS quilt recently. Ran into **Ed** and **Judy Gable** of the Griffin on their way back after viewing this emotional patchwork display.

**Tom Chakeres** just returned from a Florida holiday, then was off to Iowa to visit relatives. "You should smell the air in Iowa — it's so fresh," he said.

**Paul Kennedy** of the Claridge told us that the Georgetown Workshop Theater will present Noel Coward's "Present Laughter" this month. The comedy about an aging, peacock-vain stage idol will take place on Fridays and Saturdays from November 4-18 at Parish Hall Theater, 3116 O Street, N.W. at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$7.00; for information call 336-1623.

## New CHW Staff Appointed

**Deborah Shields** has been appointed Manager of the Radiology Department of Columbia Hospital for Women Medical Center. Ms. Shields comes to Columbia from Howard University where she held the position of Evening Hospital Administrator. She holds a master's degree in business administration with a concentration in health services administration from Howard University.

Also at Columbia, **Leslie Whitlinger** was recently appointed the Director of Development. In her new position, Ms. Whitlinger is responsible for the management of

the annual giving program and fundraising for building projects and various hospital programs.

Ms. Whitlinger comes to Columbia from Magee-Womens Hospital, a 290-bed, 181-bassinet women's specialty hospital in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She worked at Magee for ten years in positions including the Director of Development for the hospital and Executive Director of the Magee-Womens Health Foundation. Ms. Whitlinger holds a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Maryland.

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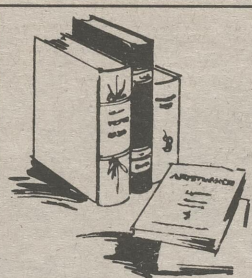
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"Parents, Children and Reading"  
*A Round Table Discussion*  
Wednesday, November 8, 7:00 p.m.

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**Book Week Treat**  
*Features stories and the film*  
*"Molly's Pilgrim"*  
Thursday, November 16, 4:00 p.m.  
(School Age)

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**Intellectual Freedom Program**  
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**First Amendment**  
**Allies or Adversaries?"**  
Wednesday, November 15, 7:00 p.m.

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## West End Library News

**Laird Horrell**, the head of the West End Branch Library, is retiring in November, 1989. He has been with the D.C. Library for 38 years, and came to West End in February, 1971. He succeeded the first librarian at West End, Ray Elgin, who opened the branch in 1967. Earlier in his career he was assigned to the Bookmobile which visited the Washington Circle area before the branch was opened.

No announcement has been made as to his successor. His FB friends wish him a pleasant retirement.

### November's Special Events

Celebrate the Year of the Young Reader and Children's Book Week (November 13-19) with a roundtable discussion at the West End Branch Library, Wednesday, November 8, at 7:00 p.m.

The program, "Parents, Children and Reading," will feature **Lynn Putnam**, GWU, sharing her ideas about "emergent literacy"; **Gladys Weaver**, University of the District of Columbia, talking about age-appropriate activities related to children's literature; **Janet Brown**, PLAN, commenting about parents' literacy and its effect on their children; and **Maria Salvadore**, D.C. Public Library, giving practical tips for making literature "come alive" for children.

Another discussion program, "Journalists and Librarians: First Amendment Allies or Adversaries?", focuses on intellectual freedom issues. **Jane E. Kirtley**, Executive Director of The Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press; **Peggy Barber**, Associate Executive Director for Communications of the American Library Association, and **Ann Friedman**, Associate Director, Montgomery County Department of Public Libraries, will speak. The date is Wednesday, November 15, at 7:00 p.m.

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## Exhibitions, and — More Exhibitions!

A variety of exhibits and exhibitions are being held in the area — at least one for everyone's interest.

Weekdays through November 10 the **IMF** exhibits "Colombia: Art from Antioquia," featuring artists from Medellin, Colombia's second largest city and long a home of artists. Shown at the opening reception is **Yves Gisse**, host of the



Visitors' Center, with Colombia's Ambassador **Victor Mosquera Chaux**.

The National Academy of Engineering's exhibit, "The Influence of Locomotion in American Painting," is at the **National Academy of Sciences** through December 15. Thirty two artists are featured, and the works focus on trains, planes, cars, and motorcycles.

At the **DAR Museum**, 1776 D Street, a display of furniture, metals, textiles and ceramics will be on view until May 6. It is entitled "Painted, Stenciled, and Printed: Ornamental Decoration in America." The museum is open to the public Monday through Friday, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm, and Sunday 1:00 - 5:00 pm. Also at the DAR Museum the exhibit "Hail, Washington" continues, showing America's first president as represented in textiles, ceramics, glass, sculpture, prints and paintings.

GWU's **Dimock Gallery** is hosting an exhibit entitled "Allusion: Selected Abstract Paintings" through November

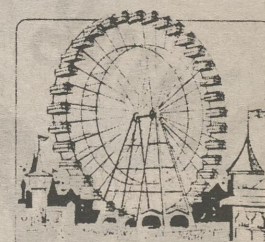
9. The gallery is off the lower lounge of Lisner Auditorium, 21st & H Streets; open Tuesday through Friday from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and Saturday from 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm.

At GW's **Colonnade Gallery** is "Artwork from the Collections of GW Faculty," which features privately owned art works collected by GW faculty members. Open through December 1, third floor, Marvin Center, 800 21st St.

The **Arts Club of Washington's** new exhibition of Washington Gallery Photographers is now on display at the Arts Club Picture Gallery through November 2. This exhibit features the work of two photographers from each of the five major Washington photography galleries. The galleries include the Katheline Ewing Gallery, the Tartt Gallery, the Martin Gallery, the Troyer Gallery and the Midden-dorf Gallery. This is an important exhibit extending the relationship of the Arts Club into the professional photography arena in the city.

Also at the Arts Club is the recent work of Washington artist Peter Thrasher which is being shown in the Reception Gallery through November 2. This exhibit will feature 10 brilliant red chalk drawings and several still life and portrait oil paintings of the artist, who was recently featured in the Washington Post Magazine as an important new portrait talent.

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